

**IN CELEBRATION
OF A
SERVANT OF GOD**

MOTHER CATHERINE DOROTHEA CROUCH

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE IN SERVICE

CHRIST MEMORIAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

13333 Vaughn Street

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MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1992 - 6:00 P.M.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1992 - 11:00 A.M.

BISHOP BENJAMIN J. CROUCH, PASTOR

ELDER JAMES E. LOGAN
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VISITATION
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING	Elder Gerald Howard Elder James Purdom
PRAYER	Elder Gerald Howard
THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE	
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Elder Herman Jackson
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Elder Elbert Thompson
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Elder Hector Gomez
MUSICAL MINISTRY	"It Is Well" Christ Memorial Choir
REMARKS AND RESOLUTIONS	Two Minutes Christ Memorial Church Family
MUSICAL MINISTRY	"Jesus Christ Is The Way" Christ Memorial Choir
REMARKS AND RESOLUTIONS	Two Minutes Sons of the Church Churches in the Community
MUSICAL MINISTRY	"Spread The Word" Christ Memorial Choir
REMARKS AND RESOLUTIONS	Two Minutes Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Family
MUSICAL MINISTRY	"We Shall Behold Him" Sister Dorothy Estes
BENEDICTION	Elder James Purdom

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THE FAMILY REQUESTS NO CAMERAS, VIDEOS, OR TAPE RECORDINGS OF ANY PORTION OF THESE SERVICES. THANK YOU FOR HONORING THEIR REQUEST.

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THE PARTING VIEW

9:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

FRED DAVIS & ALVIN PARKER

THE PROCESSIONAL..... "Oh, It Is Jesus"

PRESIDING Elder James E. Logan

PRAYER OF CELEBRATION..... Superintendent Edward McClachlan

THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - PROVERBS 31:10-31 Superintendent O. C. Turner

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - I TIMOTHY 6:12-19 Bishop Leroy Anderson

HYMN OF COMFORT..... "Nearer My God To Thee" The McCrarys

PRAYER OF COMFORT Bishop P. A. Brooks

MUSICAL MINISTRY "Through It All" Christ Memorial Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Elder James E. Logan

REMARKS AND RESOLUTIONS..... Two Minutes

Dr. Don Gossett

Mother Gertie Houston

Rev. Henry Hinn

Superintendent J. Bernard Hackworth

Evangelist Norma Basley

MUSICAL MINISTRY "Completely Yes" Christ Memorial Choir

REMARKS AND RESOLUTIONS..... Two Minutes

Bishop Ralph Houston

Mother Barbara Lewis

Bishop Charles Blake

Superintendent Edgar B. Barnett

Bishop C. L. Anderson

MUSICAL MINISTRY "Changed" Tramaine Hawkins

OBITUARY..... Pastor Carol Houston

"CATHERINE" - My Sister

Harriet Canister

"MOMMA"

Benjamin Crouch, Jr.

REMARKS Pastor Jack Hayford

MUSICAL MINISTRY..... "Until Jesus Comes" Andrae Crouch Singers & Musicians

THE EULOGY Elder Samuel Smith

MUSICAL MINISTRY..... "To God Be The Glory" Christ Memorial Choir

THE RECESSIONAL

THE FAMILY'S PRIVATE VIEW

"BEHOLD, SHE IS A WOMAN OF GOD"

THE OBITUARY

There can be no greater postlude to a rich life in Christ than to remind all who celebrate this homegoing, that **MOTHER CATHERINE DOROTHEA CROUCH** was indeed, "A Woman of God".

Catherine Dorothea is the fifteenth of sixteen children born to **William and Arabella Hodnett**. She was born in Los Angeles, California on April 27, 1917. As a child, she was energetic, studious and always knew which direction to take when life offered its crises. Her life was touched by the Lord at an early age.

The Hodnett Family lived in Blythe, California. **Catherine** received her formal education in the Blythe School System. She was a graduate of Palo Verde Valley Union High School. Higher education aspirations were realized by **Catherine's** studies at Biola Bible Institute and Los Angeles Valley College. She was a high achiever and excelled in whatever she pursued.

One Sunday following Morning Worship, June 4, 1939, **Catherine Hodnett** and **Benjamin Crouch** were united in Holy Matrimony by **Bishop Samuel M. Crouch** at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ. **Benjamin** was destined for greatness, and on that day, she vowed to be his helpmeet. **Catherine** kept her word.... For nearly fifty three years of marriage to **Benjamin J. Crouch**, **Mother Crouch** worked to bring joy and unmeasured happiness through the three children born to them. **Benjamin, Jr., Andrae** and **Sandra** gave her the pleasure and pride afforded any mother who has worked and prayed for Godly, successful offspring.

Through the years, **Mother Crouch** has served faithfully in her church...Emmanuel, Macedonia and, of course, Christ Memorial. **Mother Crouch** was, indeed, the pulse of Christ Memorial. Her life was her God, her family and her church. She lived to care for the people of God and her every waking thought was for the comfort of her husband and friend, **Bishop Benjamin J. Crouch** and the members of her family.

Mother Crouch served Christ Memorial as Administrator, Secretary, Teacher, Fund Raiser, Director and Organizer of Women's Ministries, and any position where there was a vacancy. In the Metropolitan Jurisdiction, at the urging of **Mother Mattie McGlothen**, **Mother Crouch** served as President of the Ministers' Wives. This woman of God was a profound speaker. As a licensed Evangelist Missionary, she has been invited to speak throughout the world. **Mother Crouch's** work was completed last week. She received a promotion from God, Himself -- "Well Done, Servant...enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Her angel was ordered to softly rock her to sleep, and she entered into the loving arms of her Saviour on Monday morning, April 6, 1992...and now she receives her much deserved rest. "...for so He giveth His beloved...sleep." (Psalms 127:2)

Mother Crouch leaves to cherish her fond memory, a devoted husband: **Bishop Benjamin J. Crouch, Sr.**; two sons: **Elder Benjamin J. Crouch, Jr.**, and **Elder Andrae E. Crouch**; one daughter: **Evangelist Sandra Crouch-Phillips**; seven grandchildren: **Kenneth Crouch, Keith Crouch, Sonia Crouch, Christina Crouch, Bianca Crouch, Whitney Crouch, and Brittany Crouch**; one daughter-in-law: **Mrs. Marie Crouch**; one son-in-law: **Mr. Greg Phillips**; four sisters: **Mrs. Emma Rivera, Mrs. Margaret Phillips, Mrs. Minnie Anderson** and **Mrs. Harriet Canister**; one brother: **Mr. Walter Hodnett**; one aunt: **Mrs. Sarah Dean**; three uncles: **Mr. Wesley Hodnett, Mr. Leslie Hodnett, and Mr. Steve Hodnett**; one sister-in-law, **Mrs. Bernice Hubbard**; two brothers-in-law: **Mr. Thomas Crouch** and **Mr. James Crouch**; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Finally, she leaves the Church family that she loved, served and nurtured for over forty years.

The closing chapter in this Godly Woman's life must say: "She lived a life of dignity, loved an extraordinary man, blessed the world with offspring which have and will make contributions to the greater glory of God. She was a true visionary, gave everyone an opportunity, drafted anyone for service and served her Lord in the "beauty of holiness". Now she is at rest. She kept her word to the Lord by serving Him with all of her heart, and He kept His, by granting her "THREE SCORE AND TEN..."

Lovingly submitted,

The Family of Mother Crouch

WORDS OF WISDOM

APRIL 6

Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things (8:6).

There was a woman that everyone dearly loved. She never lacked for company, because so many people flocked to spend time with her. She had the ability to engage anyone, old or young, male or female, black or white, intelligent or simple, in delightful conversation. With a beautiful voice she would tell stories of bygone days, and share dreams and wishes with anyone who would listen. She was full of compliments, but never empty flattery. In every situation, she knew the perfect thing to say. In trouble, she spoke words that soothed. In times of stress she spoke words of comfort, and in good times, she knew the perfect joke or anecdotes to share.

The gift of speech is a valuable one. It also carries with it great responsibility. We are commanded to avoid silly or coarse speech, but to always use words to uplift and praise. Our words should reflect the presence of God in our hearts. Only the most excellent and right things should spring forth from our mouths.

PRAYER: Let the words of my mouth always produce what is pleasing in your sight, O Lord. Let me build up, rather than tear down. May my speech reflect my great love for you. Amen.

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